

The Mall Walker

precise is key wd for him
2 kids
walter
good catch you see that?
i don't think so --jiving him etc
patches of broken glass weeds graffiti
rem springmall trolley etc
mall.rems

wife: sweep own side of street

then image of fat boy and clerks "sweeping" and farting and grabassing etc
extended
rem after feigned tolerance he really hates fat boy and clerks
--symb modern slack
zenith 13 -- click tuner imp since he prefers getting up"
to salesman:you want ot take years off my life
know you bwterthan you know yourself
woman of imposing bulk

He'd walked this mall before but 1st time for patch
gibne by shmoozes you sure you walked?--walter didn't like that
I'm not in the habit of saying what I didn't do.
mistake it wa sthe other's way , a thing he wodould have talked about with x
I come for the shmooze--stories of children and omnibus complaints
about prices segue mostly about digestive systems, how they can't
fart of whatever
Flora: I'm asking a lot but it's for children.
copter drps in chest that's where we have our brownie meeting
wind chill factor
one tall, one sort of spike lee

mall walk for patch
Flora Rinder MD in white coat pissed
I'm on duty in ten minutes riddle mem
i'll bring it over
i'll beon copter and they'll drop me at Crozier
He:store should post hours
He'll get doll--it's already paid for----Afro American woman doc
--

gets coffee at Macs and waits
has to pee and bathrm is closed shouldn't be open w
'bathrm cloed
for gumchewers to open 10 mins late

then they neverheard of deal
lazy 40ish asst mgr fm storeroom: fat voice sor tof revolving
retail presence
to old guy
thre's no such thing as a florarinda doll! fm storerm
1st as voice and then as lumbering shrugging presence aftershave--
clerks make faces
thre's no such thing as a florarinda doll, Sir. wiping sugar off mouth

No, no! it's the woman's name is...never mind. I guess it's not meant to be.

finally ms Mayehew fm security hassle

lots of shrinkage and they can't help --these suburban thieves are slicker

than inner city kids.

I was in retail most of my working life and I'd train

this bunch i here a lot harder--not to crit. I know how easy that is

two girls nod at something else, hugh plastic bracelets strinking florescence

she": they'd quit

to Chester w doll

boarded up houses

afraid to park cherry olds but gets spot in front youth cent and

nothing surrounds but glass and weeds

delivers doll to bleacher class as she talks about we know mom

didn't get you in Kmart

they applaud him and

dr rinder insists on name and address for thank you card

comes out to teens w basketball round car --class w little girls

finding out about us

We're suppose to give them babies you know. When they're just the right age and

all.

that's what we all were supposed to do?

this cracks them up. very exaggerated motions. I'm sick of waiting, man.

Like I'm one big wasted resource now!

walk a block with me and I'll get you more than you can handle.

I don't have the ease for such disease!

Gentlemen! I must depart.

You're like us. Nowhwere to go and in a hurry. Hey man, that's rich.

Young blacks and old retired white dudes!

you look up when you in there?

he just lok at lady doctor.

Her chest. That's high enough.

Is that right?

Yes and no. crack them up.We like you. Well, I like you.

did I say I didn't?

Okay then, one and one. What's that add up to?

What system?

Well not this one cause nothing adds up in this system!

they throw him ball--no hoops today? asked him if he noticed nets

theyj ive aog but no nets

come at you so fast it's like to whop you in the head

your head destroy it (broken glass, stting etc, vapors)

his head destroys

he's the wonder boy

he the man who won't say no

he says go! cause

his head destroys

he's his mama's boy

he's his mama's joy

he's her wonder boy

and his daddy's toy

and his head destroys

cause he got dreams
and his dreams dream joy
which is WHY he must destroy
why he must destroy
destroy destroy destroy!
they zig zag and spin roudn and high fives --broken glass noise
undr bright sneakers in harshly angled winter sunlight
What you think of that?
small: wide smile It's bad!
No, It's quite good. Is it from a record?
Shit no! It's now, old man! Now!
He cool before he say that.
Why you have a car like this?
This car needs a lady, everywhere you go you should
have a lady, sitting there so nice and smiling!
Smelling nice too!
I like white gloves on her, Indeed I do.
You like anything!
they take off on nice
well I had a wodnerful lady for a good long time but I lost her. I
hope she's up there looking after me now.
I hope she's looking after all of us.
Hell yeah, equal opportunity angel, man!
elaborate ceremony of instaliing him into the car, brushing off
seat,
closing door
adn wiping it with sleeve etc., mirror with elbow. waving and
saluting etc
so he drove away laughing--light tremble, release from nerves
and yet strangely happy..
nice kids he concludded watching himself in the mirror as if to reveal
a strange symptom
confused and restless that night and next day but lost feeling for
malls--
6 and 7s
brings car in for service next day. Pointing to book.
Please make sure you do what it says. I was in buiness for many years.
I didn't just come walking round the block.
also arranges patches on silky jacket on bed. Laurie if you sew
these on for me I'll--hears his voice disembodied after he says it,
memory of the
last words hanging in the air
3rd day arrives thank you notes :thank you for being a good
man one says
decides to walk to next town even though radio warns of 15.
Repeats white man phrase as if this speeds him on etc.
frozen when he gets there but goes into
Curley's sport Spot for nets--bullet bald owner
they have one. Can't keep em in stock kids just wear em out
and my supplier can't keep up
picked up a busstop by Rachel Mc Coy. strangely dark orange hair--not
seen in
nature. he's parked his fat ass over at Louise's snack shack and wont
leave for a half an hour.

he: shows schedule

she: don't believe everything you rd, hear...or even say.

I'm a checker in

Stop and Shop..

seen you a dozen times in there. strain breast.

Profile is imp!!!!!!!

we're in same boat etc. My husband died two years back. I'll have you for dinner.

nice homecooked meal you look like you could use.

takes offense--proud of slim

she rubs him wrong way and worries him that she does

she: Oh you look okay but it's a whole thing I'm talking about

Well right now I'm pretty busy and...

I don't mean right away. You don't have to flood me with excuses.

See how well I know you!

He resented that because she did seem to know him, seeing him

so many times when he didn't see her. has to show a firmness:

If you invite me, I'll come. --leaving

why did he say it? Oh she'll never get around etc

He goes w net and teen girl runs office and say don't leave around it's walk off

;he decides to get ladder and put it up.

caution

cranky atop when she says you be careful my granddaddy is younger than you.

you want sleepy time or cranberry? Why does everything come out of nowhere with these blacks? (warms to the attention though)

gets him herbal tea--

Yoh! You! Wanna show you something!

mistaken for janitor and told by lone teen that lockerrooms are a mess.

YHou suppose ot somethin around here why you don't?

goes back w him and persuades him to pick up one coke can.

Man! that's somebody else's shit

That's why I'm picking it up. That's the very reason.

We just don't help out each other only when that other person is right. All of us are wrong sometimes, and that's precisely when we need a hand.

We help them out to help them out. It helps everybody, right and wrong.

Someday even you might not be up to snuff, and then another person might come along and help you out.

puzzles up to snuff

Besides, it makes me feel good. See now, there's a nice smooth bench and not a pile of shaggy newspapers and magazines.

It don't help me feel nothing. Where they get you from? Was you a teacher or something?

Never mind. It's a start.

Man, you are truly weird!

sits on bed and patches slide

When reading Inquirer to check for tv prime time.grid--

ran finger across the public channel and stopped at Nova Looks at

Fish; phone rings--Just spur of the moment I'm having some people over

for drinks, uh, sodas if that's your thing.and he gives tent yes i splite of what he said before. looks at his calendar:perhaps I should call you b...

Oh I'm sure that calendar is a bonanza of activity.
Let's be clear. I want you to come but you can stay where you are and
sit on your bony ass as long as you want to.
I'd like that. I mean to come. darkness and he sits. Hnh, bony ass!
almost turns on tv
speaks wearily to Laurie I really don't want to know anymore about fish,
Laurie.
I don't. And I...don't know that I know what I'm doing,
and I'm I'm getting mixed up into people's lives, different kinds of
people.

Why should I hang
around with old farts? I may be an old fart, I don't know, but I
don't have to hang around with all the other ones.

voice rises atmos of rm